E-ENTERPRISE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

ISSUE SUMMARY:

E-Enterprise for the Environment (E-Enterprise) Initiated in 2013, is a forum for collaboration amongst the leadership of EPA, States, and Tribes. It is the trusted place where senior leaders can engage in conversations about environmental program implementation to identify strategic priorities, streamline program implementation and champion demonstration projects. The goal of the program is to ensure shared ownership and wide adoption for environmental results.

UPCOMING MILESTONES:

In FY 2021, E-Enterprise will continue facilitating collaboration between EPA, States and tribes focused on:

• Planning for the Spring bi-annual meeting of the E-Enterprise Leadership Council, and preparing the EPA tri-chair (Deputy Administrator) and other senior EPA leaders for engagement

• Identify new opportunities for streamlining environmental program implementation in air, water, waste and compliance/enforcement with our state and tribal partners

BACKGROUND:

• E-Enterprise was chartered in 2013 after five decades of implementing federal environmental programs under statutes that used different approaches and funding mechanisms, the EPA and our state and tribal partners saw process improvement as an opportunity to boost the efficiency and effectiveness in delivering services to protect human health and the environment.

• E-Enterprise is managed through collective conversations, negotiation and direction-setting in which the states, tribes, and U.S. EPA work and decide together. This joint governance model is driving transformative reforms across the national enterprise of environmental protection.
   o EPA's Deputy Administrator, a State Commissioner, and a Tribal leader tri-chair the E-Enterprise Leadership Council. The Deputy Administrator is the tri-chair of the EELC which underscores EPA's commitment.

• E-Enterprise provides a ready-made forum for EPA's National Programs and Regions to engage with our state and tribal partners on challenges ranging from streamlining workflow (i.e. - reviewing and approving state and tribal Quality Assurance Project Plans) to working out technical issues for data reporting (i.e. – reducing burden associated with air emissions reporting).

• E-Enterprise is a place where EPA, states, and tribes collaborate on technological innovations, solutions and services using the E-Enterprise Digital Strategy as a framework. The Strategy was initiated by the leadership of E-Enterprise to align the development of IT systems and manage data sharing. All environmental programs rely heavily on IT systems for collecting, managing, analyzing and sharing information. As EPA, states, and

tribal IT systems near the end of their lifecycles, partners have the opportunity to make IT investments that are in sync with each other. Working together on IT systems and data allows EPA, states, and tribes to maximize the use of our collective resources.

Key External Stakeholders:

☒ Congress   ☒ Industry   ☒States   ☒ Tribes   ☐ Media   ☒ Other Federal Agency

☒ NGO   ☒ Local Government   ☒ Other: _____Territories_____

- States and tribes have invested significant priority, effort, and resources in E-Enterprise.
- ECOS' 2020 resolution reaffirmed its commitment to E-Enterprise.
- OMB has been supportive of E-Enterprise and its potential to reduce burden reduction and increase efficiency.
- Environmental associations such as ASDWA, ACWA, NACAA, ASTSWMO, and ITEP are actively tracking and supporting their state and tribal members participation on E-Enterprise projects.

MOVING FORWARD:

E-Enterprise will continue to provide a forum in which our state and tribal partners can engage with EPA's senior leaders, managers and staff on priorities. E-Enterprise will also identify opportunities for streamlining and modernization of environmental programs with states and tribes. .

SLEAD OFFICE/REGION: OCFO   OTHER KEY OFFICES/REGIONS: AO, OW, OAR, OLEM, OECA, OCSPP, OMS, ORD R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8, R9, R10